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Grandes valeurs d'une fonction liée au produit d'entiers consécutifs.

Large values of a function related to the product of consecutive integers. (In French)

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Define $f(n)$ to be the largest integer k for which there is an m such that $n|(m+1)\dots(m+k)$ but $n \nmid (m+j)$ for $1 \leq j \leq k$. The authors prove that $\sum_{n \leq x} f(n) \sim x \log \log x$ and that $\max_{n \leq x} f(n) = \frac{e^{\gamma/2} \log x}{2(\log \log x)^{1/2}} + \frac{\gamma e^{\gamma} \log x}{4 \log \log x} (1 + o(1))$, where γ is Euler's constant. Define n to be f -highly abundant if for every $n' < n$, $f(n') < f(n)$. The authors make a detailed study of the prime factors of f -highly abundant numbers. The results show similarity with the highly composite numbers of Ramanujan, but there are some differences. For example, there are large gaps in the factorization of f -highly abundant numbers.

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